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### INHABITANTS OF MARS.

#### Evidence of Their Existence.

In his introduction to a critical study of the facts known with regard to Mars, Mr. J. H. Maxwell, writing in *Knowledge*, says there are some who have an immutable, almost sacred, conviction that the "tiny speck of cosmic dust on which Fate has placed us is the only body in the universe worthy of being a theatre of life. Even if there were no positive evidence of life in any other world, such a belief would seem to be unreasonable. It probably owes its origin to the old religious conception of the Earth as the centre of the universe, which was the basis of the opposition to the Copernican view of the solar system. Those who attempt to mould facts into compatibility with their unwritten creed would be well advised to abandon either their science or their creed, or even both, since their science thus influenced, cannot be sound, and their creed, in their narrow and undeveloped state, can rest but on a very slender basis. The universal acceptance of the fact of the plurality of worlds is, to his mind, of the utmost importance. The broadening effect it would have on the minds of men is incalculable.

In the facts of which have been gleaned from the planet Mars, chiefly by Professor Lowell, we would seem to have that for which we could never have dared to hope: actual positive evidence of the present existence in another world, not of mere life only, but of a high state of civilization and mental development. The study of Mars, then, is of the utmost philosophic importance; for herein lies our one chance of proving beyond dispute the plurality of inhabited worlds.

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Sinking Fund Account £8,511,369  
£33,622,185

Revenue Fire Branch £2,667,158  
Life and Annuity Branches £1,973,269  
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£3,960,311

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6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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**AUCTIONS.**  
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Hongkong, May 9, 1915. 417

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instructions from M. D. DENTINO, Esq., (Consul for Peru), to sell by Public Auction, on  
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**KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.**  
**LAST YEAR'S WORKING.**  
The following report on the Kowloon Canton Railway (British section) in 1914, was presented to the Legislative Council yesterday by Mr. H. P. Winslow, general manager—  
The foundations for the new terminal station at Kowloon were completed at the end of 1913 and in February of the year under review a contract was let for the station building. Satisfactory progress has been made by the contractor, the building having approximately reached the first floor level. Orders for the necessary fittings and fixtures have been placed with the Crown Agents and it is anticipated that the station will be opened for the use of the Public by March, 1915.  
Since the opening of the railway, great inconvenience and no little anxiety has been experienced at Hung Hom where the connection to the shunting and loco yards joined the main line to the south of an overbridge approached by a sharp curve. This awkward arrangement has been changed during the year by the laying of a second line of rails between Kowloon and Hung Hom thus relieving the main line between Kowloon and Yau-ma-tei of all junctions and crossings.  
A starting signal interlocked with the movement of the points has been erected at Lo Wu giving line clear to trains from the Chinese Section to the British Section main line.  
The platforms of the new terminal station were opened for traffic in April after receipt of the points and signals from England, the track removed from Salisbury Road and the portion formerly used by the railway handed back to the Public Works Department.  
The station yard for the present consists of 12 roads converging on to two lines, one being the through or main line to Yau-ma-tei, and the second, the "empty" line to Hung Hom and the loco yard. These are temporarily controlled by a complicated system of point locks, but an order has been placed through the Crown Agents for a proper system of signalling which will be operated from one signal cabin containing 72 levers, room for 8 additional levers being provided for future extension. The lever crossing gates at Lo Wu's Wharf will also be controlled by this cabin.  
As pointed out in my report of 1913 the embankments between mile 7 and 14 were seriously damaged during the typhoon of August 17th and it was decided that protection works of a more substantial nature were necessary along the coast line to avoid the risk of washouts. Good progress has been made since the work commenced in November and it is anticipated that before the next typhoon season arrives the necessary repairs will be practically completed.  
Owing to the continual rise in house rents causing the railway staff to be frequently seeking more reasonable accommodation and changing their residences, some even being forced to live over on the island of Hongkong, sanction was obtained to erect blocks of quarters on railway lands at Hung Hom for most of the European staff. Drawings and estimates were prepared during the year and contracts for the buildings have since been entered into and the work started.  
The general development of the traffic on the railway necessitating orders for additional locomotives and rolling stock made the extension of the locomotive and carriage accommodation at Hung Hom a necessity. The matter was given careful consideration and when it was found that the present site was capable of expansion sufficient to serve for very many years to come, a definite scheme was drawn up, and it was arranged to carry out only so much of it as was immediately necessary. These extensions include the removal of the old store and the building of a new one which work was well in hand by the end of the year and has since been completed, the extension of the present paint shop as a locomotive running shed, the conversion of the present carriage running shed into a paint shop, and the building of a new carriage running shed capable of accommodating two trains of eight coaches each, also the rearrangement of the tracks in the loco yard so as to come in with the new works and the scheme decided upon. An order for the necessary points and crossings and permanent way has been placed through the Crown Agents during the year.  
On January 20th the crank axle of No. 2 locomotive broke when approaching Fungling station, fortunately without causing other damage. A new crank axle was supplied by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company and the locomotive was again in service on March 16th, since which time it has been working satisfactorily. While waiting for a new crank axle the engine was given a general overhaul and repainted. This is the only accident of consequence to rolling stock during the year.  
The locomotive ordered in 1913 arrived in the Colony in May and was erected and handed over to the traffic at the end of June. This engine has been fitted with mechanical lubricators to the cylinders and valve chests, which have been found to be a great improvement.  
A Pyle electric hand lamp has been fitted during the year to the locomotive used for night work.  
One 20 ton wagon has been converted into a flat bogie. Eight main line coaches have been given a general overhaul and repainted and the erection of eight new coaches on underframes received at the end of the year has been commenced.

Further orders were placed during the year through the Crown Agents for three main line locomotives, four carriage underframes and one motor coach.  
**FAVOURABLE MAXIMUM RISE.**  
Washouts occurred on the Fungling branch line in July and September, one owing to the bursting of village bunds which damaged some 800 feet of railway bank and another caused by a sudden mountain freshet washing away the wings and approaches of a bridge over a stream. About 1/2 of a mile of second hand 35 lb. rails have been purchased in order to replace some 85 lb. rails which were temporarily laid in the road and were required at Kowloon, and many new intermediate sleepers were laid and bridge strengthened in order to carry the heavier class of rolling stock placed on the line during the year.  
In December, 1913, six underframes were received for the Fungling Branch line and on these underframes the following coaches have been erected—1 First class, 1 First and brake coach, 3 Thirds. The work was started in January and the coaches completed in March. The old coaches were condemned, some were sold and the underframes of others have been used to make steel shed wagons.  
In April the 2 foot 6 in. gauge No. 2 Hunslet Clarke loco was brought into the shops from Fungling and rebuilt. The frame of this locomotive has been lengthened by 1 foot 8 in. a second cab fitted in place of an open one and the couplings altered to the pattern of the new rolling stock on the narrow gauge branch line.  
A revision of the time table was made early in the year and a night train service between Hongkong and Canton was inaugurated in March. This night service was continued until August 10th, when the train was derailed at mile 13 on the Chinese section by a gang of robbers removing two rails and attacking the train. After this incident it was decided to discontinue the night service. The day service has been maintained throughout the year with the exception of the period between July 11th and 24th when the through trains to Canton were suspended owing to floods which seriously damaged the line between Shek Lung and the former City.  
**ACCIDENTS.**  
The expenditure to December 31st, 1914, on capital account was for the main line £13,450,227.43 and the branch line £62,044.13, making a total of £13,512,271.56. During the year under report further expenditure was incurred on works detailed in this report amounting to £840,622.44 for the main line, which includes a deficit for loss on exchange of £124,847.94, and £27,926.69 on the Fungling branch line making a total of £868,549.13 for the year.  
The revenue statements of earnings and expenditure take the usual form. The net result shows that against an estimate of £271,200, the actual expenditure was £274,396.39, an excess of £3,197.39 mainly due to an unexpected rise in the price of coal which could not have been forecasted at the time, the estimates were framed, and to increased train mileage. The earnings were estimated to be £372,000 whilst the actual receipts amounted to £364,608.32 being £7,391.68 below the estimate. It was only to be expected that the war would affect the passenger traffic, and this together with the unfortunate attack on the night train mentioned above no doubt had an adverse effect and in addition the train service to and from Canton was suspended for 14 days owing to floods. Though the earnings did not quite reach the estimated figures, the local traffic has increased slightly and shows an excess of £2,174.04 over the previous year despite the fact that the customary movements of the troops in the autumn did not take place. The through traffic shows a satisfactory increase under the circumstances of £28,222.02. I regret that I am unable to report any considerable improvement in the goods traffic. A slight increase is shown in both through and local goods, but though efforts have been made in all directions and enquiries have been received, for the reasons already stated in my report for 1913, the receipts from this source have made no satisfactory progress.  
The working expenses for the year are slightly higher than in 1913. It will be observed on reference to the figures that the locomotive expenses are mainly responsible for this, mainly due to, an unexpected advance of £1.85 per ton in the price of coal and to a smaller extent to additional mileage due to an improved time table.  
The gross earnings for the year were £364,608.32 as against £303,633.32 for 1913, an increase of £60,975. The working expenses amounted to £274,396.39, an increase of £28,577.81 due as stated

above to the increase in the price of coal. The balance after paying working expenses stands at £300,241.93, or £22,117.19 more than the previous year.  
During the year the question of the division of the fares has continued to receive the attention of both Administrations and in August a decision was arrived at and the outstanding accounts between the two Sections, it is hoped, will be finally adjusted early in the ensuing year.  
**ACCIDENTS.**  
No accidents occurred to the travelling public or to railway servants during the year, but four Chinese were killed whilst trespassing on the railway.  
**STAFF.**  
During my absence on leave from April 8th to November 10th Mr. Robert Baker (Engineer of Way and Works) acted as Manager.  
Mr. G. A. Walker, Chief Storekeeper, was granted nine months' leave and returned to duty on November 19th.

**AUSTRIA TO BLEED**  
**German Officer's View.**  
**FRONT OPINIONS.**  
The following descriptive account, which has been furnished by an Ex-Austrian present with British Headquarters, contains and supplements the narrative already published of the movements of the British Force and the French Armies in immediate touch with it—  
Since mention is not infrequently made of the necessity to sound a note of warning lest more importance than is justified could be attributed to these minor successes, it must be remembered that, to the Austrians, the loss of one or several machine-guns, though not a serious matter, is a matter of great importance, as it is a necessary condition of the success of operations it would have meant to us, with our more easily inferior total and proportionate number of those weapons. It is believed that, before any movement, they had available altogether a stock of 10,000 such guns, turned out by their armaments. Their employment of them, therefore, has been a certain sign, been a signal, and carried out with a disregard of loss which they were not prepared to make when the large reserve of these weapons in their possession is borne in mind.  
**MACHINE VS. LIVES.**  
To the Germans the machine-gun represents merely a piece of machinery, an immense killing and stopping power which has cost a certain sum of money, but is less valuable and less valuable in every way than the number of men and rifles of equivalent killing power. One principle guiding its employment, therefore, is that, provided a gun has "earned its keep" or paid for its cost by the number of the enemy slaughtered, its loss or destruction does not count. For them it has been a matter of the exchange of a machine-gun for a number of men, which has been carried out with a disregard of loss which they were not prepared to make when the large reserve of these weapons in their possession is borne in mind.  
It may be of some interest to point out to those whose minds are unclouded with the war: that a machine-gun, at an ordinary rate, fires 500 rounds a minute. From the sector of the defences of Neuve Chapelle, therefore, where, as reported, the Germans had 15 machine-guns within a length of front of 550 yards, 7,500 bullets could have been poured in one minute, from the rifles of the infantry manning the parapets. What the effect of this stream of lead would have been against a machine-gun, I am not sure, but it is a fact that the machine-gun has been used by the Germans in a way which has not been equalled by any other force in the war. The machine-gun has been used by the Germans in a way which has not been equalled by any other force in the war. The machine-gun has been used by the Germans in a way which has not been equalled by any other force in the war.

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## MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Antique Chinese  
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## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, May 17—  
King of Spain's birthday (1884).  
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's  
Cathedral.TUESDAY, May 18—  
Emperor of Russia's birthday (1868).WEDNESDAY, May 19—  
Challenge Tennis Match: Green v.  
Nesbit.THURSDAY, May 21—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Taskwood and  
Blackwood Furniture at Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough's.SATURDAY, May 22—  
Noon.—H.K. Electric Co. Meeting.SUNDAY, May 23—  
White Sunday.MONDAY, May 24—  
White Monday, Empire Day, Public  
Holiday.  
Anniversary of the birth of Queen  
Victoria (1819).WEDNESDAY, May 26—  
Queen Mary's birthday (1817).FRIDAY, May 28—  
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## BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, this afternoon.

Re, C. G. Yates. This was an application for an order of adjournment in bankruptcy on the debtor's own petition. The Official Receiver (Mr. A. E. Carmichael) said a first meeting of creditors was held, but no resolution was passed. He accordingly applied for an order to be adjourned to the next day and the Official Receiver appointed a trustee.

An order was made in these terms.

Re the Wah-Lee Chan firm, boarding house keepers, 122, Connaught Road, Central.

Mr. Hind, of Mr. G. K. Hall Beaton's office, on behalf of the petitioning creditor, asked for a receiving order against the debtor firm. His client's indebtedness was \$814, and documents on the file showed that the liabilities of the firm were about \$15,000 and the assets \$3,900. A notice of suspension of payment was also on the file.

The Official Receiver did not oppose the application, which was granted.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Volunteers and Reserve Orders will be found on the back page.

Rev. Father Wilson, Catholic chaplain to the Navy here, has gone to Peking for a holiday.

Wong Pak Lue, living at 6 Hing Hon Road, has reported to the Police that he had stolen from his room yesterday a gold chain valued at \$13.

A Chinese who fell from the top floor of 41 The Prya East and sustained several injuries has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The theft of 50 cents worth of fish glue from the Godown Company's premises cost a coolie 14 days hard labour and four hours' sto kathi morning. Mr. R. Pakham, Superintendent of Carg, prosecuted.

In the Summary Court this morning the solicitors engaged arranged with the Pui-sa Judges to have heard in Chambers to-morrow four claims for wages by Japanese employees of the Hongkong Turkish Bath Co. against Samuel Greenfield, of Paddy Street, who is, as a manager of the company.

The Police Judge, in this action between two Indians heard in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, non-suited the plaintiff with costs against him. The amount in dispute was \$150, said to be the price of two cows which plaintiff bought from defendant, who was alleged to have afterwards wrongfully resold them.

A claim by Samuel Greenfield, of Paddy Street, against Melba Levy for \$1,000 was mentioned in the Summary Court this morning and fixed for hearing on Thursday afternoon. The solicitor stated that there was possibility of the action being settled before then. Another action which was stated to be in course of settlement, Rose Morris v. Louise Form, a claim for \$100, was adjourned for one week.

"Tommy" Logan, the well-known local swimmer, is serving with the Australian Contingent in the Dardanelles. Logan was in the steamship Indian Prince when she was torpedoed by the Koenigsberg, and landed at Santos, whence the U.S.A. Consul sent him to New York. Later he went to Liverpool, New Zealand and Australia, and for a time served in Egypt with the Australians.

It is credibly reported that a number of rubber trees have recently been found in Inner Mongolia, which yield more than 600,000 pounds of rubber. A number of prominent Chinese merchants in Tientsin are now organizing a company for the development of the enterprise, and they have proposed to secure \$600,000 as capital. If the quality of rubber produced in Mongolia is discovered to be in no respect inferior to rubber imported from abroad, China can use the native rubber, thereby saving an enormous amount of money expended every year for the importation of foreign rubber for the use of the Chinese. It is estimated that, from the second year to the fourth year of the Republic, China has bought from Europe \$2,000,000 worth of rubber.

## THE TREBLE MURDER CHARGE.

The hearing was adjourned this afternoon by Mr. Wilson, the application of Mr. Sharpe K.C. (instructed by the Crown Solicitor) for the extradition to Canton upon a requisition from the Chinese Government of Gao Shu Shu, on a charge of committing three murders in the Whichow or Wai Yuen Yuen district of Kwangtung.

Mr. Wood, who is indisposed, announced that he would adjourn the case until Monday afternoon.

Sergeant James Harford Blackmore, an old Chinese and Malay veteran, who joined the army seventy-four years ago, who recently died at Aylesbury at the age of 90, enlisted in the 88th Foot in 1841, and saw service with his regiment in the China war in 1842-43. He also took part in the Sikh wars in India, 1817-43, and on the outbreak of the Crimean war volunteered for service with the 38th Regiment, and served throughout the campaign. He returned to India from the military outbreak, and took part in a number of actions during 1857-58, including those around Lucknow and Cawnpore. On leaving the army in 1874 Sergeant Blackmore went to New Zealand to act as instructor to the Volunteer and Militia Forces of the Colony, in which he bore the commission of Lieutenant. He remained there for twenty-three years, and succeeded in breaking up the notorious Kelly gang of bushrangers in Australia. For these services he received State gratuity.

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Fourteen murders were reported to the Police during the year, the same number as in 1914. In connection with 10 of these reports, no arrest was made, and in the remaining four cases arrests were made, but in these four cases no conviction was obtained (12 persons).

Six cases were reported to the Police during the year as against seven in 1913. In one case, no arrest was made; in the remaining five cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person). In four cases there was no conviction (4 persons).

Seventeen cases of robbery were reported to the Police during the year as against 50 in 1913. In 11 cases, no arrest was made, and in the remaining six cases arrests were made. There were three cases in which convictions were obtained (6 persons of whom 6 were convicted and 3 discharged). In three cases there was no conviction (3 persons).

Sixteen street and highway robberies were reported to the Police during the year as against 23 in 1913. In eight cases, no arrest was made in the remaining eight cases arrests were made. There were four cases in which convictions were obtained (6 persons of whom 4 were convicted and 2 discharged). In four cases there was no conviction (5 persons).

Seven cases were reported to the Police during the year as against 10 in 1913. In five cases, no arrest was made; in the remaining two cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person) but in the other case, there was no conviction (1 person).

The S.S. Tai On, a river steamer of 438 tons trading between Hongkong and Kowloon, owned by the Kwong On Steamship Co., Ltd. Hongkong at 7 p.m. on April 27th, 1914. At 10.10 p.m. when off Ki O in Chinese waters pirates who had boarded the ship in Hongkong as passengers attempted to take possession of the ship. The European Officers and guards with great courage resisted the pirates, who after some time set fire to the ship, which was carrying a company of 433 passengers and crew. The ship was burned out but 180 persons were rescued. With the assistance of the Chinese and Macao Police twenty-three pirates were arrested. Seventeen of these were executed by the Chinese Authorities.

The Norwegian steamer Chidlar of 1,500 tons chartered by the China Steam Co., No. 5, Queen's Road West, and trading between Hongkong and coast ports, left Hongkong at noon on March 15th, 1914. About 6 p.m. when about twelve miles South East of Mendocino Island, about sixty pirates who had boarded the ship as passengers overpowered the officers and took possession of the ship. They ransacked the ship and then left in small boats which put off from the shore. With the assistance of the Macao and Chinese Police fifteen pirates were arrested. Of these nine have been executed by the Chinese Authorities, one died in jail and trial of others pending.

On August 28, 1914, an Ordinance entitled the Piracy Prevention Ordinance was passed under which the owners of river steamers and steamers trading to coast ports have to enter into bonds and carry out certain regulations for the protection of the ships. Up to 31st December one hundred and seven bonds have been signed, and one hundred and fifty-eight guards under Police control have been engaged. The total number of steamers affected by this Ordinance is about one hundred and fifty. Two European and 26 Chinese police are employed in watching steamers and passengers under the above mentioned Ordinance, and one European and one Chinese are in charge of the guards.

Under this heading are comprised the following—

1914, 1913.	
Arson and attempted arson	1
Cutting and attempted cutting	22
Demanding money with menace	4
Embezzlement	47
Forgery	11
Housebreaking	99
Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm	0
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## A YEAR'S CRIME.

## ANOTHER BIG DECREASE IN 1914.

The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for the year 1914 presented to the Legislative Council yesterday, contains the following passages—

The total of all cases reported to the Police during the year 1914 was 8,817, as against 12,011 in 1913 being a decrease of 3,194 or 26.53 per cent. The average for the last five years is 10,513.2.

In the division of these cases into serious and minor offences there appears a decrease, as compared with 1913, of 467 cases or 13.54 per cent. in the former and of 2,727 cases or 31.85 per cent. in the latter.

The decrease as compared with 1913 in serious offences is shown as follows—

Robbery	52
Burglary or larceny in dwelling	17
Assault with intent to rob	3
Kidnapping and protection of women and children	77
Piracy	1
Unlawful possession	76
Larceny	294
Other felonies	37
Total decrease	407

Fourteen murders were reported to the Police during the year, the same number as in 1914. In connection with 10 of these reports, no arrest was made, and in the remaining four cases arrests were made, but in these four cases no conviction was obtained (12 persons).

Six cases were reported to the Police during the year as against seven in 1913. In one case, no arrest was made; in the remaining five cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person). In four cases there was no conviction (4 persons).

Seventeen cases of robbery were reported to the Police during the year as against 50 in 1913. In 11 cases, no arrest was made, and in the remaining six cases arrests were made. There were three cases in which convictions were obtained (6 persons of whom 6 were convicted and 3 discharged). In three cases there was no conviction (3 persons).

Sixteen street and highway robberies were reported to the Police during the year as against 23 in 1913. In eight cases, no arrest was made in the remaining eight cases arrests were made. There were four cases in which convictions were obtained (6 persons of whom 4 were convicted and 2 discharged). In four cases there was no conviction (5 persons).

Seven cases were reported to the Police during the year as against 10 in 1913. In five cases, no arrest was made; in the remaining two cases arrests were made. There was one case in which conviction was obtained (1 person) but in the other case, there was no conviction (1 person).

The S.S. Tai On, a river steamer of 438 tons trading between Hongkong and Kowloon, owned by the Kwong On Steamship Co., Ltd. Hongkong at 7 p.m. on April 27th, 1914. At 10.10 p.m. when off Ki O in Chinese waters pirates who had boarded the ship in Hongkong as passengers attempted to take possession of the ship. The European Officers and guards with great courage resisted the pirates, who after some time set fire to the ship, which was carrying a company of 433 passengers and crew. The ship was burned out but 180 persons were rescued. With the assistance of the Chinese and Macao Police twenty-three pirates were arrested. Seventeen of these were executed by the Chinese Authorities.

The Norwegian steamer Chidlar of 1,500 tons chartered by the China Steam Co., No. 5, Queen's Road West, and trading between Hongkong and coast ports, left Hongkong at noon on March 15th, 1914. About 6 p.m. when about twelve miles South East of Mendocino Island, about sixty pirates who had boarded the ship as passengers overpowered the officers and took possession of the ship. They ransacked the ship and then left in small boats which put off from the shore. With the assistance of the Macao and Chinese Police fifteen pirates were arrested. Of these nine have been executed by the Chinese Authorities, one died in jail and trial of others pending.

On August 28, 1914, an Ordinance entitled the Piracy Prevention Ordinance was passed under which the owners of river steamers and steamers trading to coast ports have to enter into bonds and carry out certain regulations for the protection of the ships. Up to 31st December one hundred and seven bonds have been signed, and one hundred and fifty-eight guards under Police control have been engaged. The total number of steamers affected by this Ordinance is about one hundred and fifty. Two European and 26 Chinese police are employed in watching steamers and passengers under the above mentioned Ordinance, and one European and one Chinese are in charge of the guards.

Under this heading are comprised the following—

1914, 1913.	
Arson and attempted arson	1
Cutting and attempted cutting	22
Demanding money with menace	4
Embezzlement	47
Forgery	11
Housebreaking	99
Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm	0
Abominable	1

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## HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS.

## OFFICIAL APPRECIATION.

The following letter has been sent to the Chief Scoutmaster of the local Association of Boy Scouts—

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Hongkong, 30th April, 1915.

Sir—I am directed to inform you that, in forwarding a report by the General Officer Commanding to the Secretary of State on the military operations in this Colony from the outbreak of the war up to the end of the year 1914, H.E. the Governor was pleased to bring to the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies the public spirit exhibited by the Boys Scouts in placing their services at the disposal of the Military Authorities and rendering much valuable assistance, and that Mr. Harcourt has desired His Excellency to convey to you his appreciation, which is shared by the Army Council, of the assistance rendered.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant.

(Sd.) CHAUD SEYMES, Colonial Secretary.

## DEATH OF MR. KEN. A. DENNY.

News has been received that Mr. Ken. A. Denny, youngest son of Mr. H. J. Denny, solicitor, and killed in action on the 24th inst. Mr. Ken. Denny, who was born in Hongkong in 1890, and made many friends here during a visit to the Colony in 1908, was in the theatrical profession at the outbreak of the War, and enlisted in the Artists Corps. He recently was promoted Second Lieutenant in the Royal Munster Fusiliers, and probably joined the Roll of Honour on the Franco-Belgian Frontier on Sunday last.

Throwing corrosive fluid	2
Receiving stolen property	25
Child stealing	1
Threatening letter	1
Attempted burglary	1
Seditious Publication	1
Attempted armed robbery	1
Possession of materials for making forged notes	5
Attempted to obtain money by false pretences	1
Aiding and abetting in a piracy	1
Admitting and abetting in a piracy	1
Falsification of accounts by clerk	2
Shooting and causing grievous bodily harm	1
Possession of explosive substances with intent	1
Total	143

The number of cases in which convictions were obtained was 70 as against 78 in 1913.

Two hundred and forty gambling warrants were executed as against 328 in 1913. There were 45 cases in which no conviction was obtained. Twenty-two were lottery cases, compared with 44 in 1913.

The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$100,073.27 as against \$275,213.51 in 1913, a decrease of \$175,140.24, the average for the last five years being \$203,125.41. The value of property recovered and restored to owners was \$26,997.50 as against \$79,004.00 in 1913, a decrease under property recovered in the previous year of \$52,006.50.

The following is a return showing property lost or recovered—1914: Articles reported lost, 321; value lost, \$18,296.29; articles recovered and articles found which were not reported lost, 106; value found, \$5,989.17; 1913: Articles reported lost, 412; value lost, \$25,710.25; articles recovered and articles found which were not reported lost, 74; value found, \$5,551.44.

Two hundred and four search warrants for opium were executed by the Police and Excise Officers of the Opium Farm compared with 2,047 in 1913. In 65 cases opium was found and 80 persons were arrested.

Seventy-three warrants were executed by the Police for keeping Opium Divans. In 40 cases convictions were obtained, one case was discharged and in 32 cases no arrest was made.

The Examiner of Weights and Measures made the following verifications—Foreign Scales, examined 273, correct 260, incorrect 41; Chinese Scales, examined 2,712, correct 2,657, incorrect 55; Yard Measures, examined 311, correct 311, incorrect nil; Chok Measures, examined 543, correct 543, incorrect nil.

Fifty-nine prosecutions were instituted under the Weights and Measures Ordinance, a conviction was recorded in each case, the amount of fines being \$322.

There were six prosecutions instituted under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, six convictions, the total amount of fines being \$80.

1608 prosecutions were instituted under the Traffic Regulations and 1537 convictions recorded.

Fifty-two beggars were dealt with by the Magistrate 70 were sent to Canton.

DEPORTED AND VAGRANTS.



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Apr. 26	SARDINIA	May 1	May 3	7 MALAKA .....	June 5	June 12 "
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	NUBIA	July 12	July 14	18 MONGOLIA .....	Aug. 13	Aug. 22
July 19	ORIENTAL	July 27	July 31	31 MALWA .....	Aug. 28	Sept. 4
	MALTA	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	13 PERISA .....	Sept. 11	Sept. 18
	SARDINIA	Aug. 23	Aug. 25	27 MOREA .....	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
	NUBIA	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	10 MALAKA .....	Oct. 9	Oct. 18



